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January 6, 2014

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**The Dalles Pool** – Half dozen bank anglers had no catch.

**John Day Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some steelhead.

### **Sturgeon**

**Bonneville Pool** – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a legal per every 11.4 rods while bank anglers averaged 1 per every 26 rods.

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat and bank anglers are catching some legals.

**John Day Pool** – Slow for legal size fish.

### **Walleye and Bass**

**Bonneville Pool** – No effort for either specie.

**The Dalles Pool** – Light effort and no catch observed for walleye. No effort observed for bass.

**John Day Pool** – Boat anglers caught some walleye. No effort observed for bass.

### **Trout**

**Recent plants of rainbows. No report on angling success.**

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Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: <sup>1</sup>
Bonneville <sup>2</sup>													2,000
The Dalles													300
John Day													500
<sup>1</sup> Guidelines for 2014 have not been finalized yet.													
<sup>2</sup> Due to the high effort and harvest in Bonneville Pool, we will be providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis.													
Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.													
Current month sampled sturgeon kept:													
	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun				
Bonneville	25									25		Jan. 5	
The Dalles	2									2		Jan. 5	
John Day												Jan. 5	
Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.													

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary <sup>1</sup>

January 1 - 5, 2014

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon															
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool	130	38		5	1	5	81	251	766	2	20	2	20	25	
The Dalles Pool	48	8	1		2		11	34	88		2	1	2	2	
John Day Pool	36	2					21	48	8			2			
Total	214	48	1	5	3	5	113	333	862	2	22	5	22	27	
Salmonids	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept		Jacks Kept Week Cum
Bonneville Pool															
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
The Dalles Pool	6														
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead															
John Day Pool	6						1	2		3		1			
Chinook															
Coho															
Steelhead										3		1			
Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool															
The Dalles Pool	1						1								
John Day Pool							1	2		2			2	2	
Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept		
Bonneville Pool															
The Dalles Pool															
John Day Pool															

<sup>1</sup> Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (# of angler trips)	381	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.19	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.07	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (# of angler trips)	82	6	1	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.24	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.02	none	none	none
John Day	Effort (# of angler trips)	84	8	2	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.14	0.50	1.00	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	1.00	none

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